Setting up of Electronic Assembling Units

3064. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that some electronic assembling units are likely to be started in some of the rural areas ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Khadi and Village Industries Commission is in touch with State Electronic Corporations for setting up modern units for assembling electronic items in the rural areas;

(c) if so, whether the commission had talks with the Andhra Pradesh State Electronic Corporation to start electronic assembling units in the State;

(d) the number of such units that are proposed to be set up in different parts of the country; and

(e) the number of units that are proposed to be set up in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) to (c) Yes. Sir.

(d) and (e) These details are expected to be worked out in the discussion between Khadi and Village Industries Commission and the concerned organisation in Andhra Pradesh.

Special Pay as "Pay" for Pensionary Benefits

3065. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the question of treating Special Pay as "Pay" for pensionary benefits is under the consideration of Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; and by when a decision is expected to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

People below Poverty Line in Villages and Towns

3066. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of people below poverty line both in villages and towns in West Bengal, Bihar and Orissa and the National average in India, as in 1975, 1985, 1988 and 1989;

(b) the percentage of the Tribals below the poverty line in these States in the same period; and

(c) the percentage of the Scheduled Cates and Scheduled Tribes, below poverty line?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (c) The estimates of persons below the poverty line for the nation and the States are based on the quinquennial survey of consumer expenditure by the National Sample Survey Organisation. These estimates are available for